<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-14 to read as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A document processing apparatus comprising:

document obtaining means for obtaining a document written in a predetermined markup language from a designated source;

rule selecting means for <u>extracting rule identification information from the document obtained by said document obtaining means and for</u> selecting a rule from among a plurality of rules <u>based on the extracted rule identification information,</u> each <u>of the plurality of rules</u> specifying respective <u>sections of</u> voice output contents and voice input candidates <u>in the obtained document</u>;

document analyzing means for analyzing the document obtained by said document obtaining means based on the rule selected by said rule selecting means to ~~fetch~~ <u>extract</u> voice output contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing object corresponding to each voice input candidate<u>, from the obtained document</u>;

voice ~~outputting~~ <u>output</u> means for voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetched~~ <u>extracted</u> by said document analyzing means;

voice recognizing means for voice-recognizing ~~the~~ <u>a</u> voice input by ~~the~~ <u>a</u> user; and

~~controlling~~ <u>control</u> means for checking the result of recognition by said voice recognizing means against the input candidates contents ~~fetched~~ <u>extracted</u> by said document analyzing means to control ~~obtainment~~ <u>obtaining</u> of a new document by said document obtaining

means or next analysis by said document analyzing means based on designation information corresponding to ~~the~~ <u>an</u> input candidate matching the recognition result.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim [[2]] <u>1</u>, wherein said rule identification information is a predetermined attribute value of a predetermined tag.

4. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim [[2]] <u>1</u>, wherein said rule selecting means selects a predetermined rule if <u>said rule selecting means cannot extract</u> the rule identification information ~~is not described in~~ <u>from</u> the obtained document.

5. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said document analyzing means ~~fetches~~ <u>extracts</u> as ~~said~~ <u>the</u> designation information a source from which a next document is obtained.

6. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said document analyzing means ~~fetches~~ <u>extracts</u> an analyzed range of a next document as ~~said~~ <u>the</u> designation information.

7.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rule selecting means selects a rule based on instructions from ~~a~~ the user.

8.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a priority is given to a predetermined one of the ~~rule~~ rules based on ~~said~~ the user's instructions and the rule based on the rule identification information ~~described in the document obtained~~ extracted by said ~~document obtaining~~ rule selecting means, and said rule selecting means selects the rule ~~of~~ to which the priority is given.

9.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the plurality of rules includes a rule which defines a predetermined attribute value of a predetermined tag as voice output contents, and contents surrounded by predetermined second tags as input candidates, in ~~said~~ the document.

10.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein in ~~said~~ the rule, if ~~said~~ the recognition result matches an input candidate, contents ranging from the contents surrounded by said second predetermined tags which correspond to the input candidate up to a third predetermined tag are defined as next voice output contents, and an anchor in the voice output contents is defined as a next input candidate.

11.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the plurality of rules includes a rule which defines contents ranging from

the head of ~~said~~ the document to a predetermined tag as voice output contents, and an anchor in the voice output contents as an input candidate.

12.   (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the voice input and voice output are performed through a telephone line.

13.   (Currently Amended) A document processing method comprising:

a document obtaining step of obtaining a document written in a predetermined markup language from a designated source;

a rule selecting step of <u>extracting rule identification information from the document obtained in said document obtaining step and for</u> selecting a rule from among a plurality of rules <u>based on the extracted rule identification information,</u> each <u>of the plurality of rules</u> specifying respective <u>sections of</u> voice output contents and voice input candidates <u>in the obtained document</u>;

a document analyzing step of analyzing the document obtained in said document obtaining step based on the rule selected in said rule selecting step to ~~fetch~~ <u>extract</u> voice output contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing object corresponding to each voice input candidate<u>, from the obtained document</u>;

a voice outputting step of voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetched~~ <u>extracted</u> in said document analyzing step;

a voice recognizing step of voice-recognizing ~~the~~ <u>a</u> voice input from ~~the~~ <u>a</u> user; and

a ~~controlling~~ <u>control</u> step of checking the result of recognition ~~by~~ <u>obtained in</u> said

voice recognizing step against the input candidates ~~fetched~~ <u>extracted</u> in said document analyzing

step to control ~~obtainment~~ <u>obtaining</u> of a new document ~~by~~ <u>in</u> said document obtaining step or

next analysis ~~by~~ <u>in</u> said document analyzing step based on designation information corresponding

to ~~the~~ <u>an</u> input candidate matching the recognition result.

14.   (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling a

computer to perform document processing, said program comprising codes for causing the

computer to perform:

a document obtaining step of obtaining a document written in a predetermined

markup language from a designated source;

a rule selecting step of <u>extracting rule identification information from the</u>

<u>document obtained in said document obtaining step and for</u> selecting a rule from among a

plurality of rules <u>based on the extracted rule identification information,</u> each <u>of the plurality of</u>

<u>rules</u> specifying respective <u>sections of</u> voice output contents and voice input candidates <u>in the</u>

<u>obtained document</u>;

a document analyzing step of analyzing the document obtained in said document

obtaining step based on the rule selected in said rule selecting step to ~~fetch~~ <u>extract</u> voice output

contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing

object corresponding to each voice input candidate<u>, from the obtained document</u>;

a voice outputting step of voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetched~~

<u>extracted</u> in said document analyzing step;

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a voice recognizing step of voice-recognizing ~~the~~ a voice input from ~~the~~ a user; and

a ~~controlling~~ control step of checking the result of recognition ~~by~~ obtained in said voice recognizing step against the input candidates ~~fetched~~ extracted in said document analyzing step to control ~~obtainment~~ obtaining of a new document ~~by~~ in said document obtaining step or next analysis ~~by~~ in said document analyzing step based on designation information corresponding to ~~the~~ an input candidate matching the recognition result.

15.   (Original) A computer-readable storage medium for storing the program according to claim 14.